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sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:
 pages _____ received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the drawings:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 - the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*) : _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application,
 claims Nos. 1-6, 9-10

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 1-6, 9-10

a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the sequence listing; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit:

- furnish a sequence listing on paper complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.
- furnish a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.
- pay the required late furnishing fee for the furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under Rule 13ter.1(a) or (b) and 13ter.2.

a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the tables related to the sequence listings; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit, furnish such tables in electronic form complying with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions, and such tables were not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in electronic form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	7-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	7-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	7-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

- D1) JP 2003-245289 A
- D2) US 5823778 A
- D3) US 5967777 A
- D4) US 5320529 A

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

Claims 7-8:

Claim 7 relates to a stent for guiding location and direction for the insertion of an implant, comprising a plastic cast model having an occlusal surface of a predetermined portion into which the implant is inserted; a plastic plate having at least three metal balls and attached to said plastic cast model to be parallel with each other; and an implant guide hole formed on a predetermined position of the plastic cast model corresponding to a hole determined according to a predetermined algorithm.

D1-D4 do not disclose the technical feature corresponding to the present plastic plate having at least three metal balls and attached to the plastic cast model to be parallel with each other, and they are different from the present claim 7 in the technical feature for guiding location and direction for the insertion of an implant.

Due to the above difference in the technical feature, the decision of the location and direction for the insertion of an implant would be made more easily and exactly in the present invention than in D1-D4.

In addition, the stent of the present claim 7 is not considered to be easily invented from D1-D4. Thus claim 7 of the present invention is considered novel and inventive.

Claim 8 of the present invention defines the algorithm in claim 7 in greater detail. Therefore, claim 8 is considered novel and inventive as well.

2. Industrial Applicability

Claims 7-8 of the present invention are industrially applicable in the field of medical devices.